

JOHN



ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

SPES NON CONFUNDIT. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5).

In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. In the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, at a moment in history in which "heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence" (*Spes non confundit*, 8), the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. It is to be rediscovered in the signs of the times, which, encompassing "the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope" (*Spes non confundit*, 7).

In order for the faithful to obtain the Jubilee Year Indulgence I hereby decree that

The Church of St. Thomas More, DULWICH

is designated as a Jubilee Church in this Archdiocese of Southwark for the duration of the Jubilee Year- 24th December 2024-6th January 2026

The Indulgence may be obtained by the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways:

I.- Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage:

to any sacred Jubilee site:

by devoutly participating in Holy Mass (*where the liturgical norms allow for it, the Mass of the Jubilee might fruitfully be chosen, or one of the Votive Masses: for Reconciliation, for the Remission of Sins, for the Promotion of Charity or to Foster*

Harmony); a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; or by participating in any of the following:

A celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers);

The Via Crucis;

The Marian Rosary;

The recitation of the Akathist hymn;

A penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance (form II);

Pious visits to sacred places

Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children"

I ask that this Decree be displayed in a public place in the Said Jubilee Church during the Jubilee Year and that information on obtaining the Jubilee Year Indulgence be made available to the faithful.

Given at Southwark this 19th day of December 2024



Archbishop of Southwark

Rev Michael Kennedy
Chancellor